

# Shrewsbury Public Library

## News and Events

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### Library Information

Online Card Catalog: <http://cmars.cwmars.org/search~549>

Library Website: <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library>

Hours:	Monday - Thursday	10 am - 9 pm
	Friday	10 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
	Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

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### New Computer Classes

As the new year starts the Library is beginning a new series of computer classes. We will now be offering **Introduction to the Computer**, **Introduction to Word Processing**, and **Intermediate Internet** in addition to our current **Introduction to the Internet** class. Introduction to the Computer will cover basic computer familiarity and skills. Students will learn the parts of a computer, how it works, and skills such as mousing. This class is now required before taking any other classes unless the student is able to demonstrate basic computer ability. Introduction to Word Processing will teach the student how to write a letter and perform other basic word processing tasks. Introduction to the Internet teaches the student how to "surf the web" and navigate to useful, informative web sites. Please note that Introduction to the Internet has not changed. Intermediate Internet will take the student through some tips and tricks useful for more advanced "surfers."

### Introduction to the Computer

Monday, January 5	3-4 pm
Wednesday, January 21	2-3 pm
Wednesday, February 4	2-3 pm
Thursday, February 19	10-11 am

### Introduction to the Internet

Monday, January 12	3-4 pm
Tuesday, February 10	10-11 am

### Introduction to Word Processing

Thursday, January 29	10-11 am
Monday, February 23	2-3 pm

### Intermediate Internet

Tuesday, January 27	10-11 am
Thursday, February 26	2-3 pm

Class space is limited and registration is required so sign up early! Sign up at the Front Desk or call the Library at 508-842-0081 x3. Any questions, ask for Betsy.

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### The Library will be closed:

January 1 in honor of New Year's Day  
January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
February 16 in honor of President's Day

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This newsletter is released six times per year. If you wish to receive the newsletter via mail please leave your name and address at the Front Desk of the Library.

# From the Children's Room

## **After-School Drop-in Storytime**

Thursday, January 15 3:45 pm

Recommended for families with children ages 4 and up

Registration is not necessary

## **After-School Chinese New Year Craft**

Thursday, January 22 3:45 pm

For children in grades 1 - 5

Registration is necessary and will begin

Thursday, January 8, in the Children's Room,

or by phone at 508-842-0081 x4.

## **Valentine Workshop**

Wednesday, February 11 3:45 pm

For children in grades 1 - 5

Registration is necessary and will begin

Wednesday, January 28, in the Children's Room,

or by phone at 508-842-0081 x4.

## **School Vacation Drop-in Storytime**

Wednesday, February 18 10:30 am

Recommended for families with children ages 4 and up

Registration is not necessary.

## **Storytimes**

The January - May 2004 storytime schedule is posted in the Children's Room, or call us at 508-842-0081 x4.

## **School Vacation Internet for Families**

Thursday, February 19 2:30-3:30 pm

For children in grades 1 and up, and their parents. A brief overview and hands-on practice in finding useful information on the Internet, as well as safety tips for parents and kids. Registration is necessary and will begin Thursday, February 5, in the Children's Room, or by phone at 508-842-0081 x4.

## **Baby Gift Bag**

Bring your baby's birth certificate to the Children's Room and receive a free "Baby Gift Bag." Gift Bags are for Shrewsbury residents only and are for babies up to six months of age.

## **Note to Parents:**

Children under 10 must not be left unattended in the Library. Children over 10 should not be left unattended in the Library for more than 2 hours. Rides should be arranged before the child is dropped off at the Library; the Library does not have a phone available for public use. The Library may close early due to inclement weather. Children should always have transportation available. The Library does not have a pay phone.



# YOUNG ADULT STUFF

## For teens in grades 6-12 ONLY



@your library

### Enter to win a trip to meet Tony Hawk

Here's what you have to do:

1. Pick your favorite book
2. Create a video, essay, poem, or painting to describe why it's your favorite.  
You can work alone or with up to 3 friends.
3. Bring it to the Young Adult librarian to enter.
4. One lucky entrant will be chosen to meet Tony Hawk!

If our Library sends in 25 entries, we will receive an autographed Tony Hawk poster! T-shirts and milk coupons will also be available for participants!

Contest ends April 23, 2004 For more information, call 508-842-0081 x5.

#### **Mother/Daughter Scrapbook Class**

with Jean Taurone, Creative Memories Consultant

**Thursday, January 15 5:30 pm**

Learn how to create beautiful scrapbooks to preserve your memories. \$10.00 fee per participant or \$15.00 per mother/daughter to cover supplies. Each participant will also receive a free gift! Don't forget to bring a few pictures! Class is limited to 14 participants, registration is required. Sign-up at the Front Desk or call 508-842-0081 x3.

#### **Come Join the YaYas!**

Who are the YaYas? They're teens who meet and discuss programming ideas, give material suggestions, and have fun. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 pm. Bring your own snacks!

#### **Book/Movie Chat**

**Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet**

Read alouds are on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm starting January 14 and come watch the movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes on Wednesday, February 25 at 3:00 pm. This program is for grades 6-12. The movie is rated PG-13 by the MPAA.

#### **Book/Movie Chat**

**About a Boy by Nick Hornby**

Read the book on your own and come watch the movie with us on Wednesday, January 28 at 2:30 pm. This program is for YAs in grades 9-12 only. The movie is rated PG-13 by the MPAA.

Copies of books for book/movie chats are available at the Front Desk of the Library.

# Adult Services

## Shrewsbury Genealogy Club

Tuesday, January 13 7:30 pm  
Thursday, February 12 7:30 pm

A self-help group for anyone interested in genealogy and family history. For beginners, intermediates, pros! No dues! Some months there is a designated topic (and guest speaker); other months, not. Field trips to the Massachusetts State Archives (Boston) and the National Archives (Waltham) have taken place in the past (and could be repeated in the future, if there is enough interest). For more information, go to our own website: <http://members.aol.com/shrewsgenclub/>

## Film Festival

To take us all out of the winter doldrums, we're planning a Film Festival--featuring Academy Award winning films from the last half century! The dates are: Jan. 22; Feb. 5; Feb. 19; Mar. 4; , and Mar. 18 (all Thursdays at 7:30 pm). Mark your calendar now, and plan to join us! We'll even furnish the popcorn!



## French Conversation Circle

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm

Interested in brushing up on your French? Join the "Cercle de conversation francaise" (French Conversation Circle) Tuesdays from 4-5 pm. Not a class, and not for absolute beginners, this is a weekly opportunity to converse with fellow Francophiles about a variety of topics, current, literary, or historical. Call 508-841-8531 for more information.

## Great Books Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 20 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, February 17 7:00 pm

An on-going book discussion group, but anyone can participate. Pick up a copy of this month's selection at the main desk of the Library.

## Make your New Year's Resolution Complete:

Become a non-smoker through hypnosis!

Tuesday, January 6 7:30 pm

Join us for a lecture, video, and demonstration of how smokers who want to quit can break this addictive habit through hypnosis.

Dan Candell (aka Dan Meunier) is a professionally trained hypnotist. Free and open to all. CDs and other materials to help smokers will be available at a nominal cost. Call 508-842-0081 for further information.

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